

mittee on the part of the Senate, on the disagreement between the two houses.

Senator Ruby introduced a joint resolution to authorize the Governor to adjust the matter of the hypothecation of certain bonds with Williams & Guion of the city of New York.

Senator Flanagan introduced a bill for the relief of Pedro Herne. Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Senator Shelley introduced a bill appropriating \$5000 to pay the expenses between Charles Stewart and J. G. Tracy, sitting member from the Fourteenth Senatorial District. Read first time and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Senator Sayers introduced a bill to incorporate the Texas Library and Publishing Company. Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

On motion, the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March, 14, 1873. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Palmer.

On motion of Senator Dohoney, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed Senate bill No. 131, "An act reimbursing Bastrop county, and appropriating the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars for that purpose."

And House bill No. 369, "An act for the relief of the heirs at law of Thomas A. Culton."

Also, that the House had refused to concur in the amendments by the Senate to House bill No. 233, "An act regulating elections."

Senator Finlay, chairman *pro tem.* of Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following reports:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 52, to be entitled "An act to pro-

hibit the sale of intoxicating, spirituous or vinous liquors within two miles of Pleasant Grove Academy, in Hunt county," have carefully considered the same, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

GEO. P. FINLAY, Chairman *pro tem*.

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 253, to be entitled "An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating, spirituous or vinous liquors within two miles of Hackberry Grove Academy, Collin county," having carefully considered the same, I am instructed to report it back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

GEO. P. FINLAY, Chairman *pro tem*.

Senator Franks introduced a bill entitled "An act making an appropriation to pay certain unpaid contingent expenses of the Thirteenth Legislature." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill entitled "An act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Shelley introduced a bill entitled "An act making an appropriation to pay the widow and heirs of W. A. Smith, deceased, for services rendered the State." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Senator Henry introduced a bill entitled "An act regulating contested elections." Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

On motion of Senator Baker, the rules were suspended to take up out of its order House bill No. 361, "An act to prevent the sale or disposal of spirituous liquors within three miles of Leesburg, in Gonzales county."

The bill was read second time; rules suspended, read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Tracy, the rules were suspended to take up out of its order Senate bill No. 13, "An act to consolidate the Houston and Brazoria Railway, the Huntsville Branch Railway and the Victoria and Columbia Railroad, with the Houston and Great Northern Railroad."

The bill was read second time, and the following amendments recommended by the committee adopted:

Amend section one by adding at the end thereof the following amendment, viz.: "*Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall have any effect to relieve said consolidated company, or said Houston Tap and Brazoria Railway, from any debt or liability whatever, to which either of said roads may be liable without this act."

On motion of Senator Tracy, the rules were further suspended, the bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Dohoney, the rules were suspended to take up out of its order Senate bill No. 119, "An act authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to employ additional clerks and draughtsmen."

The bill was read second time, and the following amendments recommended by the joint committee of the Senate and House adopted:

Amend by inserting in section one, line four, after the figure "5," the word "additional," and also after figure "10," in line five, same word "additional."

Amend same section by adding after last word in section, "that said commissioner shall discharge said clerks and draughtsmen whenever he may think their services not any longer needed in said office."

The rules were further suspended, the bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Franks, the rules were suspended to take up out of its order Senate bill No. 51, "An act for the relief of sureties on official bonds."

The bill, together with the substitute recommended by the committee, was read, the substitute adopted and ordered engrossed; rules further suspended, the bill read third time and passed.

Senator Latimer, chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have the honor to report that they have this day, at 11 o'clock, A. M., presented to the Governor, for his signature, Senate joint resolution No. 10, requiring Jacob Kuechler, Commissioner of the General Land Office, to cause to be published certain land certificates found in the office when he took possession of the same.

Senate joint resolution No. 22, authorizing the Governor to adjust the matter of the hypothecation of certain bonds, with Williams & Guion, in the city of New York.

Senate bill No. 63, "An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating or spirituous liquors in the vicinity of Red Rock, in the county of Bastrop."

Senate bill No. 133, "An act supplemental to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Western Narrow Gauge Railway."

Senate bill No. 130, "An act to incorporate the Excelsior College, in Bastrop county."

Senate bill No. 15, "An act to incorporate Rusk Masonic Institute, located in Rusk, Cherokee county, Texas."

H. R. LATIMER, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Ball the rules were suspended to take up out of its order Senate bill No. 99, "An act to provide for the change of venue in civil cases in the district courts of this State."

The bill was read second time and the following amendments recommended by the committee adopted:

Amend section one, line four, by inserting after the word "shall" the words "have power to."

Amend section two, line two, by inserting after the word "shall" the words "have power to."

Section three, amend by adding the following words at the end of the section: "the distance to be computed by the nearest traveled route."

Section four, line five, amend by inserting after the word "cause" the words "and a certified schedule thereof."

The rules were further suspended, the bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Ruby, the rules were suspended to take up out of its order House bill No. 283, "An act to set apart one-half of the public domain for the support and maintenance of public schools."

The bill was read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed House bill No. 427, "An act to authorize the Governor to settle with Williams & Guion, of New York city, for their claim against the State."

House bill No. 426, "An act to abolish the Twenty-second Judicial District, and to attach the counties composing said district to another district."

House bill No. 314, "An act enlarging the county of Medina."

House bill No 340, "An act to ascertain the amount due teachers of public free schools of this State prior to the first day of March, 1873, and to provide for the payment of the same."

The special order for this hour, viz., "An act to provide for frontier defense, and for the organization of a regiment of cavalry for that purpose," was then taken up.

Senator Dohoney in the chair.

Senator Gaines offered the following amendment to the bill: Add to section twenty six, line eight, "that all laws heretofore enacted, authorizing and providing for the organization of troops for the protection of the frontier, be and the same are hereby repealed; *provided*, nothing herein shall affect the issuance of bonds heretofore authorized."

Senator Evans moved that the Senate adjourn to 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Dillard, Evans, Ford, Flanagan, Gaines, Hall, Henry, Latimer, Rawson, Ruby, Swift and Tendick—13.

Nays—Senators Baker, Ball, Broughton, Cole, Dohoney, Finlay, Fountain, Franks, King, Pyle, Randle, Saylor, Sayers, Shelley, Word and Mr. President—17.

The consideration of the frontier bill resumed.

Senator Ruby moved that the Senate adjourn to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Dillard, Dohoney, Evans, Ford, Flanagan, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Henry, Rawson, Ruby, Swift, Tendick, and Word—15.

Nays—Senators Ball, Broughton, Cole, Finlay, Fountain, King, Pyle, Randle, Sayers, Shelley and Tracy—11.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 15, 1873. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. King.

On motion of Senator Ball, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.